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"AN ACT PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 29-37p of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 5 *October 1, 2015*):
- 6 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
- 7 shall issue a long gun eligibility certificate unless said commissioner
- 8 finds that the applicant: (1) Has failed to successfully complete a
- 9 course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
- 10 Public Protection in the safety and use of firearms including, but not
- 11 limited to, a safety or training course in the use of firearms available to
- 12 the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public
- 13 educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing
- 14 instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the
- 15 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and a safety or

training course in the use of firearms conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle Association; (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, or (B) on or after October 1, 1994, a violation of subsection (c) of section 21a-279 or section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; (6) has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (7) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or 46b-16a, as amended by this act; (8) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 29-38c after notice and hearing; (9) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(4); or (10) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 43 October 1, 2015):

(b) Upon the application of any person having a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any such authority, such chief of police, warden or selectman may issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such applicant intends to make

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49 no use of any pistol or revolver which such applicant may be 50 permitted to carry under such permit other than a lawful use and that 51 such person is a suitable person to receive such permit. No state or 52 temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued 53 under this subsection if the applicant (1) has failed to successfully 54 complete a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency 55 Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of pistols and 56 revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training course in 57 the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered by a law 58 enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or a 59 firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National 60 Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental 61 Protection and a safety or training course in the use of pistols or 62 revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the 63 National Rifle Association, (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, or (B) 64 on or after October 1, 1994, a violation of subsection (c) of section 21a-65 279 or section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 66 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d, (3) has been convicted as delinquent for 67 the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-68 120, (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty 69 years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental 70 disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13, (5) (A) has been confined 71 in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in 72 section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a 73 probate court, or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 74 1, 2013, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as 75 defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care 76 and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an 77 alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms 78 are defined in section 17a-680, (6) is subject to a restraining or 79 protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, 80 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another 81 person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15, 82 as amended by this act, or 46b-16a, as amended by this act, (7) is 83 subject to a firearms seizure order issued pursuant to subsection (d) of

section 29-38c after notice and hearing, (8) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(4), (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States, or (10) is less than twenty-one years of age. Nothing in this section shall require any person who holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver on October 1, 1994, to participate in any additional training in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers. No person may apply for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver more than once within any twelve-month period, and no temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to any person who has applied for such permit more than once within the preceding twelve months. Any person who applies for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the application, under penalty of false statement in such manner as the issuing authority prescribes, that such person has not applied for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the past twelve months. Upon issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to the applicant, the local authority shall forward the original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit to the local authority issuing the temporary state permit. The commissioner shall retain records of all applications, whether approved or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to the permittee shall be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph of such permittee. A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall notify the issuing authority within two business days of any change of such person's address. The

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notification shall include the old address and the new address of such person.

Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 29-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall issue an eligibility certificate unless said commissioner finds that the applicant: (1) Has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle Association; (2) has been convicted of a felony or of a violation of subsection (c) of section 21a-279 or section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drugdependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680; [,] (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case

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152 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force 153 against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to 154 section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or 46b-16a, as amended by this act; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued pursuant to 155 156 subsection (d) of section 29-38c after notice and hearing; (8) is 157 prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(4); or (9) is an alien illegally or 158 159 unlawfully in the United States.

Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 29-32b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(b) Any person aggrieved by any refusal to issue or renew a permit or certificate under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, 29-36f, as amended by this act, 29-37p, as amended by this act, or 29-38n, or by any limitation or revocation of a permit or certificate issued under any of said sections, or by a refusal or failure of any issuing authority to furnish an application as provided in section 29-28a, may, within ninety days after receipt of notice of such refusal, limitation or revocation, or refusal or failure to supply an application as provided in section 29-28a, and without prejudice to any other course of action open to such person in law or in equity, appeal to the board. On such appeal the board shall inquire into and determine the facts, de novo, and unless it finds that such a refusal, limitation or revocation, or such refusal or failure to supply an application, as the case may be, would be for just and proper cause, it shall order such permit or certificate to be issued, renewed or restored, or the limitation removed or modified, as the case may be. If the refusal was for failure to document compliance with local zoning requirements, under subsection (a) of section 29-28, or if the local authority refused to issue a permit pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, because the applicant is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an

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Sec. 505. Subsection (g) of section 46b-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(g) The applicant shall cause notice of the hearing pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and a copy of the application and the applicant's affidavit and of any ex parte order issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to be served on the respondent not less than five days before the hearing. The cost of such service shall be paid for by the Judicial Branch. Upon the granting of an ex parte order, the clerk of the court shall provide two copies of the order to the applicant. Upon the granting of an order after notice and hearing, the clerk of the court shall provide two copies of the order to the applicant and a copy to the respondent. Every order of the court made in accordance with this section after notice and hearing shall be accompanied by a notification that is consistent with the full faith and credit provisions set forth in 18 USC 2265(a), as amended from time to time. Immediately after making service on the respondent, the proper officer shall send or cause to be sent, by facsimile or other means, a copy of the application, or the information contained in such application, stating the date and time the respondent was served, to the law enforcement agency or agencies for the town in which the applicant resides, the town in which the applicant is employed and the town in which the respondent resides. The clerk of the court shall send, by facsimile or other means, a copy of any ex parte order and of any order after notice and hearing, or the information contained in any such order, to the law enforcement agency or agencies for the town in which the applicant resides, the town in which the applicant is employed and the town in which the respondent resides, within forty-eight hours of the issuance of such order, and immediately to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and each local authority that

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218 issues a permit or certificate pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by 219 this act, 29-36f, as amended by this act, 29-37p, as amended by this act, 220 or 29-38n. If the victim is enrolled in a public or private elementary or 221 secondary school, including a technical high school, or an institution of 222 higher education, as defined in section 10a-55, the clerk of the court 223 shall, upon the request of the victim, send, by facsimile or other means, 224 a copy of such ex parte order or of any order after notice and hearing, 225 or the information contained in any such order, to such school or 226 institution of higher education, the president of any institution of 227 higher education at which the victim is enrolled and the special police 228 force established pursuant to section 10a-156b, if any, at the institution 229 of higher education at which the victim is enrolled.

Sec. 506. Subsection (d) of section 46b-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(d) The applicant shall cause notice of the hearing pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and a copy of the application and the applicant's affidavit and of any ex parte order issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to be served by a proper officer on the respondent not less than five days before the hearing. The cost of such service shall be paid for by the Judicial Branch. Upon the granting of an ex parte order, the clerk of the court shall provide two copies of the order to the applicant. Upon the granting of an order after notice and hearing, the clerk of the court shall provide two copies of the order to the applicant and a copy to the respondent. Every order of the court made in accordance with this section after notice and hearing shall be accompanied by a notification that is consistent with the full faith and credit provisions set forth in 18 USC 2265(a), as amended from time to time. Immediately after making service on the respondent, the proper officer shall send or cause to be sent, by facsimile or other means, a copy of the application, or the information contained in such application, stating the date and time the respondent was served, to the law enforcement agency or agencies for the town in which the

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applicant resides, the town in which the applicant is employed and the town in which the respondent resides. The clerk of the court shall send, by facsimile or other means, a copy of any ex parte order and of any order after notice and hearing, or the information contained in any such order, to the law enforcement agency or agencies for the town in which the applicant resides, the town in which the applicant is employed and the town in which the respondent resides, not later than forty-eight hours after the issuance of such order, and immediately to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and each local authority that issues a permit or certificate pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act, 29-36f, as amended by this act, 29-37p, as amended by this act, or 29-38n. If the applicant is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school, including a technical high school, or an institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-55, the clerk of the court shall, upon the request of the applicant, send, by facsimile or other means, a copy of such ex parte order or of any order after notice and hearing, or the information contained in any such order, to such school or institution of higher education, the president of any institution of higher education at which the applicant is enrolled and the special police force established pursuant to section 10a-142, if any, at the institution of higher education at which the applicant is enrolled."

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Sec. 501 | October 1, 2015 | 29-37p(b) |
| Sec. 502 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | 29-28(b) |
| Sec. 503 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | 29-36f(b) |
| Sec. 504 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | 29-32b(b) |
| Sec. 505 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | 46b-15(g) |
| Sec. 506 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | 46b-16a(d) |

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